REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

UNDER THE

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OF THE

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IN NOVA SCOTIA.

I. MEDICAL STUDENTS AND THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

In accordance with the Medical Act, Sections 6 and 7, this Examination must be passed prior to the commencement of their medical study by all students proposing to qualify themselves to practise in Nova Scotia, and whether they intend to begin professional study within the province or abroad. The sections and schedule referred to in the same are as follows:

"6. Hereafter no person shall begin or enter upon the study of Physic, Surgery, or Midwifery, for the purpose of qualifying himself to practise the same in this Province, unless he shall have obtained from the Provincial Medical Board a certificate showing that he has satisfactorily passed a Matriculation or Preliminary Examination in the subjects specified in Schedule B of this Act.

7. No candidate shall be admitted to such Matriculation or Preliminary Examination unless he shall have at least fourteen days previous to such examination given notice to the Registrar of the Provincial Medical Board of his intention to present himself for such examination, and transmitted to the Registrar a certificate showing that he has completed his sixteenth year; and shall, before the examination, have paid a fee of ten dollars (1) to the Registrar."

(1) This fee shall not be returned in case of failure, but no additional fee is required when a supplementary examination is granted in *one* subject.

SCHEDULE B.

With the approval of the Governor in Council the *uniform standard of matriculation examination*, as established under Schedule B of Chapter 24, Rev. Stat. N. S., 5th Series, was amended August 20, 1889, and again April 20, 1891. In accordance with the latter amendment the requirements for the matriculation examination are now as follows:

COMPULSORY.

English Language.—Including Grammar, Composition and writing from Dictation.

Arithmetic.—Including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, and the Extraction of the Square Root.

Algebra.—To the end of Simple Equations.

Geometry.—Euclid, Books I, II, III, with easy deductions.

Latin.—Including Grammar, Translation from specified Authors, and translation of easy passages, not taken from such Authors.

Elementary Mechanics of Solids and Fluids.—Comprising the Elements of Statics, Dynamics and Hydrostatics (2.)

OPTIONAL. (3)

One of the following subjects, viz.:

History of British America.—With questions in Modern Geography.

History of England.—With questions in Modern Geography.

French.—Translation and Grammar.

German—Translation and Grammar.

Greek.—Translation and Grammar.

In order to pass, a candidate must make fifty per cent. of marks in each subject.

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(2) As in Blaikie's Elements of Dynamics.

(3) In communicating with the Registrar, students will please state the optional subject chosen.

If fifty per cent. be made in all subjects but one, he may begin study and present himself in that subject alone at the next examination without additional fee.

Candidates failing in more than one subject will be allowed those subjects in which they have passed, but will be required to pay a fee of $5.00 on presenting themselves for examination in the remaining subjects, and in the meantime may *not* begin their professional studies.

Certificates will be issued to successful candidates showing the subjects in which they passed, and the extent to which their knowledge of these subjects was tested.

Candidates who have passed the above examination will be admitted without further preliminary examination at all Canadian and American Colleges.

This examination also satisfies the requirements of the General Medical Council of Great Britain as to the preliminary examination, which must be passed by persons wishing to register as medical students.*

It has also been recognized by the Joint Board of Examiners of the Scottish Universities and placed upon their list of *Examinations accepted as equivalents for the Preliminary in Medicine.**

TEXT BOOKS.

Except where otherwise specified, the books prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction are recommended.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations take place twice each year, viz. : on the first Thursday in May and the last Thursday in September.

In May local examinations will be held on application at Sydney, C. B., at Picton, N. S., and at Yarmouth, N. S. Candidates taking local examinations are required to pay an additional fee of $2.00.

For copies of previous examination papers ($1.00 entire set) apply to Registrar Provincial Medical Board.

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* In order, however, to be accepted by the Gen. Med. Council, or by the Scottish Universities' Board, Certificates must show that the examination was passed *in all subjects at one time.*

EXEMPTIONS.

A certificate of having passed the Matriculation or Preliminary Examination of the N. S. Barristers' Society will exempt from further preliminary examination. The Provincial Medical Board will recognize *pro tanto* the Matriculation, Sessional and Degree Examinations of any chartered University or College; the examinations for Teachers' Grade A or Grade B License, (Nova Scotia); the Preliminary Examination of any Medical Licensing Board authorized by law in Her Majesty's Dominions; the Junior Leaving Examination B of the High School (Nova Scotia Provincial Examination) with 50 per cent. in each subject; the Senior Leaving Examination A of the High School (N. S. Prov, Exam.) with 50 per cent. in each subject.

The Provincial Medical Board will also accept fully or recognize *pro tanto* such other examinations as may from time to time be similarly recognized by the Councils of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward Island.

II. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM.

For some time it has been felt by the Medical Councils in the Maritime Provinces that certain changes were urgently needed in the curriculum prescribed many years ago in the Medical Act of each province, it being no longer in harmony with the methods and scope of teaching now followed or being adopted by the best medical schools and colleges. It was also felt that in making changes it would be most desirable that a uniform standard should be adopted by all the provinces, as in this way a satisfactory basis would be secured for the establishment of reciprocity in registration and practice. A conjoint committee of representatives from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island having carefully considered the matter submitted a report, providing a uniform curriculum, including the preliminary examination and the subsequent professional course, and recommending that each province should make such alterations in its by-laws or secure such changes in its Medical Act as would allow of the adoption of this uniform standard.

The report, after careful consideration, was adopted by each province without amendment.

The Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia, in accordance with the proviso in Section 9 of the "Medical Act" (Chap. 24, Rev. Stat. N. S., 5th Series), decided to make the necessary changes in the curriculum, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

By an order of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, passed at Halifax on the 13th day of September, 1895, and approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the alterations decided upon by the Provincial Medical Board in the wording of said Section 9 and an amendment made to said section by an Order in Council, passed on the 8th day of October, 1891, and approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, have become law, so that the section shall now read as follows:

Sec. 9. "No person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the Register of the Provincial Medical Board, or to receive a License to practise from such Board unless he shall satisfy the Board that he has passed the matriculation or preliminary examination; that after such examination he has followed the studies during a period of not less than four years; that during such four years he has attended at some University, College or Incorporated School of Medicine in good standing, a graded collegiate course of four sessions of not less that six months each, such course to include satisfactory and sufficient lectures and instruction in Anatomy, Practical Anatomy, Chemistry, Practical Chemistry, Physiology, Histology, Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Therapeutics, Surgery, Clinical Surgery, Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Obstetrics, Practical Obstetrics, Diseases of Women and Children, Medical Jurisprudence, Hygiene, Pathology (including Bacteriology), together with evidence of attendance for a period of not less than twelve months upon the general practice of a Hospital, containing not less than fifty beds, under the charge of not less than two physicians or surgeons: that previous to graduation or obtaining a diploma he has passed satisfactory examinations in the subjects of the above curriculum, and that the examinations have been conducted and the diploma granted by a Medical School, College, University or Licensing Body which itself requires a four years' graded course as above appointed, or for want of such degree or diploma has satisfactorily passed an examination in the various branches hereinbefore specified, before examiners to be appointed

by the Provincial Medical Board: that he is not less than twenty-one years of age, and that he has paid to the Registrar of the Board a fee of twenty dollars. Provided that the foregoing curriculum and regulations be made compulsory only in the case of persons who have begun the study of Medicine subsequent to January 1st, 1895, and that the Provincial Medical Board shall have power subject to the approval of the Governor in Council to make such alterations in the same as may from time to time be required."

Medical students and applicants for registration are particularly requested to observe that study under the direction of a licensed practitioner is no longer accepted as constituting an "*annus medicus*." In all cases evidence must be produced of *four complete sessions at College*, as specified above.

In cases where the certificates, etc., submitted to the Provincial Medical Board do not fulfil the requirements of section 9, applicants will be required to complete what is deficient by attending the necessary classes, etc., passing the required examinations and obtaining a diploma, as specified in the above section; or, after fulfilling the curriculum as prescribed, by passing the professional examination before the Examiners appointed by the Provincial Medical Board.

EXAMINATIONS.

Professional examinations will be held once each year at Halifax, beginning on the third Wednesday in June.

Fee for examination, $30.00, payable in advance. This fee shall not be returned in case of failure.

III. RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

The adoption of regulations practically identical to the foregoing by the three Maritime Provinces having secured uniformity in the requirements relating to persons beginning Medical Study, to the Medical Curriculum, to Professional Examinations and Graduation, and to Registration in each Province, Reciprocal Registration has followed very easily and as a matter of course. It has been further agreed, therefore, between New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

1st. That any person registered in one province and wishing to remove to another shall be required to bring from the Registrar of the province he is leaving a certificate showing that he is at that time a legally qualified medical practitioner of such province and that no charge of a criminal or professional nature is pending against him, and that on presentation of these credentials alone, with proof of identity, an applicant shall be registered on payment of the usual registration fees.

2nd. That the privileges of Reciprocal Registration shall be open to all persons whose names may be on the Register of either province at the date of the adoption of the terms of this agreement, as well as to those who shall subsequently be duly registered.

N.B.—Nova Scotia has also secured Reciprocal Registration with the Province of Quebec and with Manitoba.

IV. REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES.

In accordance with Section 33 of the "Medical Act," Chap. 24, Rev. Stat., 5th Series, the Provincial Medical Board has adopted the following Regulations regarding Applicants for Midwife's License:

1. The Provincial Medical Board shall appoint three Examiners to conduct the examination of midwives to be held twice a year, viz.: previous to the October and the April meetings of the Board.

2. The examinations shall include Practical Obstetrics and the Anatomy of the female pelvic organs.

3. Every woman wishing to present herself before the Provincial Medical Board to be examined and to obtain a license to practice midwifery in this province shall furnish:

1st. A certificate of attendance upon at least one six months course of lectures on obstetrics;

2nd. A certificate of having studied on the dead body the anatomy of the abdominal and pelvic cavities of the female subject;

3rd. A certificate of regular attendance for at least six months on the practice of a lying-in hospital;

4th. A certificate that she has attended at least twelve cases of labor;

5th. A certificate of good moral character and evidence that at least she can read and write.

4. Any woman having complied with the requirements of the Board, and having passed the examination as above indicated, shall receive a certificate signed by the officers of the Board setting forth that she has been duly licensed as a midwife for the Province of Nova Scotia. This license shall confer on her the right simply to confine patients and not to practice medicine even in cases arising out of such confinements.

5. The fee for such Examination and for License and Registration shall be $20.00, which must be paid to the Registrar at least 10 days before the date of examination. In cases of failure $5.00 of this amount shall be returned.

6. Applicants presenting diplomas or certificates from recognized lying-in hospitals which provide a regular course of instruction and demand an examination, etc., equivalent to that prescribed in the foregoing rules, will be exempt from further examination, and will be registered and licensed on payment of a fee of $5.00.